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EDITORIAL NOTES

You cannot vote unless you are prop erly registered. See your township chairman for full instructions.

To be able to vote in the coming elec tion you must register according to the law before the books close, which is at noon on the 27th of Ostober-next Sat-

why you should not vote the co opera tion ticket, but can give no tangible is to get cheap cotton.

No matter how many times you have registered and voted in the past, see that your full name is on the books, and everything else required to make a legal registration this time.

In his efforts to play Czar, President himself. The American people have repudiated his royal highness and the mate, Benedict Arnold,

Ransom and every other Senator and Congressman who voted to demonetize silver are on par with Benedict Arnold, the arch traitor. Be careful who you vote for. You may elect members of the legislature who will return Ransom.

The Lynchburg, Va., Advance, a strong Democratic paper, has taken down the name of the Democratic nominee for Congress in the Sixth district and puts the name of Hon. O. C. its place.

stamp to Lord & Thomas, Chicago, Ill., present Democratic officials are too for a copy of "A Golden Harvest," a cowardly to enforce it. Until men are neat little publication for the use of ad-

Ex Speaker Thomas B. Reed, of law will be worthless. Maine, created a little ripple of surprise by declaring in a speech at the While pretending to be willing to stop Michigan University, that further tariff | trusts and denouncing the Republicans agitation was not needed this fall. We for fostering them, the party has acted are not astonished. The Democratic far worse than even the Republicans. party having become a high tariff Trusts feel absolutely safe so long as party it is natural for the Republicans every member of the Cabinet, from to either keep quiet or yell for tariff Cleveland down, is a member of a cor

the public in this or a similar manner. Bandits and cut throats are above such

work. sweet potato raised in that community which, the Times says, is shaped exof November. They will vote any help-

IS IT OVERPRODUCTION?

The best estimates now obtainable place the wheat crop of the world for 1894 at 2,276,000,000 bushels. The crop last year amounted to 2,279,000,000or 3,000,000 bushels more than for this year. Yet the price is 25 per cent. lower than it was last year-will prob ably average more than 25 per cent. lower. But, says the overproduction crank, "that extra 3,000,000 bushels in 1893 brought down the price." Poor crank. The crop for the past ten years has averaged 2 280,000,000 and was all consumed, and much of the time the price was twice as high as it now is The shortage in 1892 of 6,000,000 bushels and 4,000,000 in 1894 ought to have raised the price a little. Instead of rise the fall is more than 30 per cent in two years. All this in face of the fact that the population of the world is increasing at the rate of many hundreds of thousands annually, ought to con vince any overproduction cranks that may be left on the top side of the earth that they are great big fools.

"Bill Arp" says the political fight in Georgia this year was a "dog fall, neither party having anything to brag about. He says he voted the Democratic ticket, as usual, but his county, Bartow, went People's party. Good men were elected and he has no regrets

NON-PARTISAN JUDICIARY

After the surrender, in 1865, we had in North Carolina what was known as a provisional government, with W.W. Holden, Governor, This government was to last until a reorganization or reconstruction could be accomplished Governor Holden had this reconstruc tion work in hand by appointment from Washington, and he had to organize a provisional government to hold elections and execute laws until the people could organize and elect a regular government. Gov. Holden, to aid him in the arduous task, appointed Hon. Richmond M. Pearson Chief Jus tice of the Supreme Court and Hon. E G Reade one of the associate justices. When the legislature convened they were both elected to succeed them selves. The new constitution took the election of judges from the legislature and gave it to the people in 1868. The conventions of both Democratic and Republican parties nominated both of The Democrats seem to be able to tell | these men to be their own successors, though both were Republicans, and they both served until 1878, when excuse for voting their ticket, unless it Judge Pearson died and Judge Reade's term expired.

So a non partisan judiciary, as now proposed, is not an entirely new nor untried scheme. We believe it will work admirably and ought to be the

Cleveland made a sorry spectacle of in this paper last week about the whip ping of an unfortunate woman who is of lat d in the State now as there serving a term on the Buncombe President is about as unpopular as his county chain gang, the High Point more nor many less. We find the fig Enterprise says: "The county road law is a good one but if it is to be abused a righteous and indignant people will ing town lots, are as follows: rise in their might and wipe it from the statute books. We want good roads but don't want them built of the blood and tears of either man or beast.'

THE FRIEND OF TRUSTS

For several years the Democratic party has posed as the enemy of trusts. Doubtless many of the voters are sin Rucker, the People's party nominee, in | cere in their declarations, but the party has made a very unenviable record. It General advertises who wish to know required an Alliance legislature to pass where to advertise, and how to get the the anti trust law now in force in North best results, will do well to send 2 cent | Carolina. It is a good law, but the put in charge of State affairs, men with backbones, men with honest hearts, the

Nationally, the party is even worse poration or trust combination. Cleve Under the head of 'The Friend of land is a railroad attorney and is draw Trusts," read our expose of the greatest | ing his salary from the railroads yet, attempt at legislative duplicity ever so far as can be learned. Is also a attempted. This law(?) has never been | member of the Whitney coal syndicate made public before in a newspaper and and of the National Brewers' and ought to be published and commented | Whiskey Trust. Olney is a railroad upon by the press from Maine to Cali- attorney, Gresham is a railroad attorfornia, regardless of party. Only po ney, Carlisle is the attorney of the litical sneaks will attempt to deceive Whiskey Trust. A majority of the Senators and Congressmen are trust and corporation men. The Sugar, Whiskey and Standard Oil trusts were The Concord Times has inspected a the special recipients of favorable legis lation during the last Congress; so were readily sold at \$25. Then 100 pounds plan was pursued in Georgia. The actly like a human being. We want demonetization of silver and the attendto bet one free coinage argument to ing panic was worth millions of dollars two gold bug arguments that this potato to the rich bankers. It enabled Roths the cotton as it did then, while farm less thing they can find in the shape of prices." But the crowning piece of the heat of the sun and the burden of party tickets voted in that county were a man. Real men won't vote for five infamy was the "anti trust law" inco: the day, and who is snarled at by the printed on yellow paper, when the law

ground, and it does not require the eye of a lawyer to detect the weak points in it. Here is the law: "That every combination, conspiracy, trust, agree ment or contract is hereby declared to be contrary to public policy, illegal and void, when the same is made by or between two or more persons or corpora tions, either of whom is engaged in im porting any article from any foreign country into the United States, and when such combination, conspiracy, trust agreement or contract is intended to operate in restraint of lawful trade, or free competition in lawful trade or commerce, or to increase the market price in any part of the United States of any article or articles imported or prices, help revive trade? intended to be imported into the United States, or of any manufacture into which such imported article enters or is intended to enter. Every person the importation of goods or any commodity from any foreign country in violation of this section of this act, or who shall combine or conspire with an other to violate the same, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof in any court of the United States, such person shall be fined in a sum not less than \$100 and not exceeding \$5,000, and shall be further punished by imprisonment, in the discretion of the court, for a term not less than three months nor exceeding twelve months.'

The law is written in true legal parlance, and to the very green might prove a deception. The Democrats are and revive trade by the purchase of using it in their secret hand-books and articles on the market for sale. in an offhand way to fool all they can sensible people. You will notice that only importers are liable to punish. last year. ment under the law. We guess very given permission to rob their neighbors of all they wish and so long as to revive trade? they please. Was there ever a more transparent scheme to shield trusts? Is it not plain that trust attorneys pre pared that law with a special view to the evasion of it? Can you, will you vote with a party so devoid of principle, so ready to defend or protect

Let all our brethren know about the County Alliance meeting next Friday (26th) and let us have the court house full. Lay politics aside one day and come whether you are a delegate or not. It is very important.

TAXES NOT LOWER BUT HIGHER

esting books. We have two of them, one for 1878 and the one for 1893. The party in power seems to think if there is any one thing they can blow and boast and crow over it is the fact that Commenting on the story published | they have lowered taxes. Well, have they? There are about as many acres ures in these two reports representing the tax value of the lands, rot includ

1878.....\$ 74,221,398

An increase of \$ 40,106,857 This is an increase of more than 54 per cent.

taxes paid on lands we find the figures as follows:

An increase of \$ 35,507.00

Thus showing an increase of the tax on land from 1878 to 1893 or within a small fraction of 15 per cent. In 1878 your land was worth on the market three times what it would bring to day. Still your taxes are increa ed. In 1878 it took but 4,267 bales of cotton to pay your land tax. In 1893 it took 7,622 bales of 500 pounds each to pay them while this year with cotton at 51 cents it will take more than 10,000 bales of cotton to pay your land tax Valuing your land this year for taxes in the same proportion that it was valued in 1878, and paying the tax with labor as the farmer has to do, you can see at a glance that your burden is almost tenfold heavier than it was fifteen years ago. Still you are told by those in office drawing big salaries, and desir ing to remain in office and keep their salaries big, that your taxes are lighter than they have ever been. How much longer are you going to endure it?

ANOTHER OBJECT LESSON.

Hanging at the store door of Mr. A.

HOW CAN TRADE REVIVE?

It is nonsense to talk about a revival f trade!

Trade never revived on a falling market for production.

A necessary article to revive trade

It takes money and purchasers to re rive trade. Who is there with money to spend

and revive trade? Can the laborer, who is out of em ployment, be depended upon to revive

trade? Can the farmer, whose products have declined 50 per cent, from last year's

Will employed labor, under reduced wages, come to the front and help revive trade?

If the consumers have not the money to be revived?

Will some one good at figures please answer this question, and relieve an anxious public?

The Democrats say trade is to revive. Is it going to revive without anyone reviving it!

Is it going to revive despite the ab sence of purchasers to revive it? About the only thing that is reviving

is Democratic humbuggery. Humbuggery is on a boom. Trade is dead, and will stay dead un

til the people get money by a rising market. It takes money to pay debte If the farmer should receive 10 cents

But it is safe to say that they will never for cotton this fall, he would have more use it as a campaign document among money than he had last year, and hence could revive more trade than he did As cotton is lower than it was last

few trusts care to import anyway. All year, and cotton seed one half lower, home dealers and manufacturers are wheat and everything else the farmer has to sell is lower, how is the farmer Wages of labor has been reduced or

all the railroads and in the manufactories and shops. How is the wage earner to help trade revive? Who else is there to revive trade? I

the tradesman cannot sell his goods, he won't revive very much, will he?

As farm products go down, and wage decline, the power of the consumer is reduced and there is less consumed.

This is followed by a reduction of the price of goods, as the tradesman desires to sell, and trade being dull, he bids for it by reducing his profits.

Thus there is a falling market a around, yet Democrats tell us trade i seviving! The only thing that is reviv The Auditor's reports are very inter- ing in the old party campaign liar. He is vigorous, and appears to be doing an active business.

DISHONEST ELECTION METHODS

We wish to emphasize all we have said heretofore in regard to election methods in this State. First, you must be registered according to the unfair was a hundred years ago-not many election laws of the State. Every requirement must be looked after. This must be done between now and next Saturday. See that every one of your he has not so announced. neighbors are legally registered.

Too much confidence has lost many well fought battles. Work right on up to the day of election, work on that day, and watch. Old tricks will be resorted to and new ones introduced. In Then coming to the total amount of the precincts where the elections have been fair and honest in the past, may be the ones where the most vigilance is 1878\$250,313.57 required. Watch the bexes where 1893..... 285,820 63 crooked work has been done in the past. See that the votes are put in right and see them counted. The lav s of the State say that the voters of each party are entitled to see the counting. See it done. Watch the man who is calling off names and the man who is him. keeping tally. Frequently those call ing the names call out a ticket for J. W. Jones, Democrat, for Congress, or whatever the vote is, when it has the name of S. M. Smith, People's party nominee. See that this is not done. Sometimes the tally keeper puts down one for Jones when the name of Smith that he does not dothis. Stand by the returns. Go to the county seat and see that there's no manipulation. There cruits. are dozens of schemes for cheating. Look out for all of them. Remember that the dominant party is making its last stand in this State, and is des There are thousands of honest Demo-

crats. The elections in many town ships, and even whole counties, have been honest. But the dirty work is always done in a few counties and precincts. In the recent election in Ala-S Abernathy is a fine, new saddle which bama, Oates' majority was made in less he asks \$15 for. In 1868 such a shaddle than half of the counties. The same the same amount of labor to produce years ago 1,700 People's party votes were thrown out in Brunswick county

printed at the same time, in the same office, on the same paper. Extra lickets were stuffed in the boxes in Wa: ne and other counties in order to throw out certain precincts and count in Democrats. Judges of election may fail to sign certain returns according to law. See that there are no such failures.

Ballot box thieves have been sown in the State. We are now reaping the product. At one time it was considered necessary to steal votes and manipu late to overcome "negro supremacy. Men who could thus take the first step now regard the stealing of white votes as essential to success. In many instances the "Democratic machine" county commissioners have refused to appoint intelligent People's party or Republican poll holders. Ignorant or purchasable white and colored men who is or shall hereafter be engaged in to spend to revive trade, how is trade have been appointed, one of these to represent the opposition while two of the smartest Democrats represent that party. This is proof that fraud is in tended whenever and wherever this has been done. Be doubly vigilant where such a state of affairs exists.

GAINS VS. LOSSES.

Our Democratic friends have tried to

make it appear that they are gaining votes in this State and elsewhere. So far they have only named eight men in this State who have deserted the People's party, and several of these named have little or no influence. Not one of them have more than a neighborhood reputation. The same is true of the country at large. On the other hand the People's party has gained tens of thousands of voters, as the elections held already show. Hundreds of the Adjutant General's department these are men of county and State influence, while dozens of them are men of national reputation, men of great the amount used in 1892? ability and character. We will mention a few, each having a national reputation, all having held high posi tions of honor and trust in both State and nation. We could go back twelve months and name many more, but will only include those coming over in the past 60 days:

Hon. W. H. Denson, Democratic member of Congress from the 8th district in Alabama, joined the People's party about six weeks ago. Has been on the stump since and will be re elected by the People's party.

Judge James K Hines, of Georgia, Democrat-was nominated by the Peo ple's party for Governor soon after he anounced his defection from the Demo cratic party and came near carrying the State, or perhaps did carry it.

Hon. S. Maxwell, Judge of Supreme Court, Nebraska, Republican, joined the People's party seven weeks ago.

Ex Senator H. B. Kelly, of Kansas, Republican, joined the People's party seven weeks ago.

Hon. J. H. Reagans, Democratic candidate for Governor, Texas withdrew from the contest because he couldn't stomach the platform, and, it is believed, will vote the People's party ticket on the 6th of November, though

Hon. John Z. White, a prominent Democrat of Chicago, an advanced reformer, joined the People's party six weeks ago, and has since been nominated for Congress.

Senator John P. Jones, Republican, who has been in the U.S. Senate from Nevada for several years, and who has made a world-wide reputation, having been on a numbe: of the most important committees, joined the People's party five weeks ago.

President Eugene V. Debs, of the American Railway Union, Democrat, not only joined the People's party, but brings more than 70,000 voters with Henry D. Loyd, a wealthy and promi

nent Democrat, Chicago, joined the People's party three weeks ago. Ex Senator and ex Judge Lyman

Trumbull, Democrat, of Chicago, joined elected. the People's party two weeks ago. A member of the Ohio Democratic

State Executive Committee and the was called. Stand behind him and see | Chairman of the Colorado State Republican Executive Committee, whose names we do not recall, are recent re-

In addition, we might name dozens of editors, some of them influential, and hundreds of others of more or less prominence. The election returns from the States where elections have not been held, will tell the balance of the story. Let the great work go on.

THE SHOE FACTORY.

Only a portion of the Sub. and County Alliances have taken action in regard to the shoe factory, but all of them are that Jay Psalm's reputation was rather enthusiastic in their work for it. Many the railroads and the bankers. The of cotton would pay for it. Now it same has been done in North Carolina individual members will take stock. takes nearly 300 to pay for it. It takes and will be attempted again. Two Just now it is a difficult thing to raise Mr. Bailey, the city editor, for criminal the same amount of the sam stock for any enterprise. However, libel. When the trial was to occur Jef all can take a small amount of stock, Psalm failed to appear and the suit was and it is so p ain that the investment is thrown out of court. votes the Democratic ticket on the 6th child and the Vanderbilts to get thou labor is nearly twice as high. This is in order to carry certain districts. The a good one that there is no danger of We know nothing of Jay Psalmillo sands of miles of railroads at 'panic a specimen of how the man who bears Democrats claimed that the People's failure. A large number of Alliances reputation, but rise to remark that he and individuals have already paid in has exhibited but little disposition to cash and others write that it is ready. defend his reputation, and now the cont cotton and thirty five cent wheat any longer.

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FACTS FOR THE PEOPLE Gleanings From Auditor's Report 180 and 1893-See Page 149 and

Report of 1892. Auditor's department for 1892 spen \$3,499.96 Did you know that \$1,00

of that was taken without authorit of law? Did you know that some of you State officers were drawing money to

extra clerk hire and putting two fifth of it annually in their own pockets th other three fifths being paid to clerk Did you know that you had to pa for 129 tons of coal for the Governo in the year 1892 at a cost of nearly

Here are the items and pages ; Auditor's report for 1892; Page 57, paid January, 1892, Jone & Powell, 25 tons coal.

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Page 74, paid March, 1892, Jones 8 Powell 3 tons coal.

Page 85, paid April, 1892, P H. Ar drews, 5 tons coal. Page 92, paid May, 1892 Jones & Powell, 9 tons coal.

Page 92, paid May, 1892, P. H. Ar drews, 4 tons coal. Page 100 paid June, 1892, Jones &

Powell, 1 ton coal. Page 108, paid July, 1892, Jones 8 Powell, 2 tons coal.

Page 116, paid August, 1892, T. L. Eberhardt, 80 tons coal, making 120 Page 116, paid August, 1892, Jones

& Powell, 227 tons of coal for public buildings.

Did you know the appropriations by last legislature, 1893, for State Guard or militia cost the State \$24,636.15, be sides a special amount of \$5,765 04, and \$215.30, amounting in all to \$30,616 40, which is \$14,000 more (nearly double)

AUDITOR'S REPORT 1893 Page 218 Adj't Gen'l Department...... \$ 215.3 Page 2 9 State Guard.....

Total amount paid State Militia, 1893. \$30 616 5 Did you know that you tax payers had to foot up the nice little bill for Governor's salary and findings of more than \$10,000 a year? Page 144, report of 1892. Peniten.

tiary 1892 cost \$189,673 17.

Did you know that Joe Daniels had full control of the seats in the Senate and House of the last legislature and that he seated his friends where he chose and others had to take back seats, and that Gen. Bob Vance, who introduced the bill to repeal the charter had a front seat? See? And did you know that a Democratic representative who was placed in the rear inquired why it was and asked for an investigation and that next morning he was moved up to a seat satisfactory and the investigation was quashed?

Did you know that \$4,800 were paid out for furniture for Governor's mansion in 1892, and that nearly as much more for 1893, and for 1894 how much!

HON. W. A. MONTGOMERY.

Hon. Walter A. Montgomery, late of Warrenton, but for two years or more a resident of this city has been put on the non-partisan Judiciary ticket to take the place of Judge Connor, who was first named and virtually agreed to serve if elected, but later was persuaded to decline.

Mr. Montgomery is a man of unim-

peachable character, morally, socially and politically. His legal ability is first class. He is a Democrat from principle, but has never been a "machine" man, and is not an offensive partisan. Mr. Montgomery is heartily in favor of a non-partisan judiciary and most, if not all of the reforms demanded by the people. The names of a number of gentlemen have been dis cussed in connection with this vacancy on the ticket, members of each of the three parties. There has been no lack of timber. We believe Mr. Montgomery will be satisfactory to all the people, and that he will serve !

JAY PSALM SHARPE. The editor of the Wilmington Herald,

a paper pretending to represent the in terests of the colored race, has recently made a tour of the State whooping up subscriptions. His name is Jay Psalm Sharpe, and he has allowed a number of Democratic editors to interview him, they having failed to find many influ ential white People's party men or Republicans who were willing to betray their respective parties, swooped down upon Jay Pealm every time they got a chance, and they made Jay Pealm say lots of ugly things against people who never did him any harm When Jay Psalm came to Raleigh the d. o P organ "interviewed" him in great shape. The city editor of the Raleigh Press, however, not being an admirer of Jay Psalm, remarked in that paper "shady" when he lived in Oberlin, a Raleigh suburb, a few years ago. Jay Psalm at once instituted a suit against